

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-10. (cancelled)

11. (new) A casing for transport of a toner mixture on its outer surface in a development device, said casing having a wall substantially comprised of an electrically-conductive material, and an outer surface of the wall bearing a layer comprised of nickel-copper.

12. (new) A casing accordance to claim 11 in which the layer is generated via chemical deposition.

13. (new) A casing according to claim 12 wherein for said chemical deposition a chemical nickel-copper-phosphor deposition occurs.

14. (new) A casing according to claim 11 in which a thickness of the layer lies in a range of 15 – 25 µm.

15. (new) A casing according to claim 11 in which the wall of the casing is substantially comprised of aluminum.

16. (new) A casing according to claim 11 in which the toner mixture comprises a two-component mixture which comprises ferromagnetic carrier particles and toner particles.

17. (new) A method for production of a casing for transport of a toner mixture on its outer surface in a development device, comprising the steps of:

chemically pre-treating an outer surface of a metal casing; and

in subsequent chemical deposition generating a nickel-copper-phosphor layer on the outer surface of the metal casing, the layer comprising 1 to 2% copper and 8 to 10% phosphor and a remainder comprises substantially nickel.

18. (new) A method according to claim 17 wherein said metal casing comprises aluminum on which a conductive layer is applied in a zincate etching after the chemical pre-treating, a chemical pre-nickeling

occurs thereupon, and said chemical nickel-copper-phosphor deposition then subsequently occurs.

19. (new) A method according to claim 17 in which a chemical bath which comprises nickel sulfate 30 g/l, copper sulfate 0.6 to 1.5 g/l, sodium hypophosphate 15 g/l, sodium citrate 50 g/l, and ammonium chloride 40 g/l is used for a chemical nickel-copper-phosphor deposition.

20. (new) A method according to claim 19 in which the bath has a pH value of 9.0 and a temperature of 75°C.

21. (new) A method for production of a casing for transport of a toner mixture on its outer surface in a development device, comprising the steps of:

chemically pre-treating an outer surface of a metal casing; and

in a subsequent chemical deposition generating a nickel-copper-phosphor layer on the outer metal casing surface, the layer comprising 1 to 2% copper and 8 to 10% phosphor and a remainder comprises substantially nickel.